

FCC Meeting: Small Cell Tower Siting

Present: Ryan Sempf of Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, Kim Casko of Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, Rick White of HR Green, Susan Mims City of Iowa City, Geoff Fruin City of Iowa City, Kelly Hayworth City of Coralville, John Lundell City of Coralville, Ryan Heiar City of North Liberty, Terry Donahue City of North Liberty, Garnet Hanly Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), David Sieradzki WTB (on phone), Jeff Steinberg WTB, Suzanne Tetreault WTB, Paul D'Ari WTB

Meeting begins with introductions and Ryan H. of North Liberty explaining purpose of meeting.

Ryan H: Explaining concerns about state legislation regarding small cell tower siting issues. Right of way regulations that make it easy for a cell tower to place a tower anywhere they want. Rules in Iowa limit authority of city to regulate right of way. There has been large investment in the community to make them more appealing including undergrounding wirelines. Concerns stem from possible federal rules that have an even farther reaching effect on local communities.

Suzanne Tetreault: Rule making has begun, one of a few wireless regulations going through right now. They are aware of local zoning concerns, and are considering allowing regulation as long as it doesn't prohibit certain access to wireless and other services. Outlining purview of fed rules over state law. Opening comment period soon on Federal Register. Other rules in open proceedings google FCC mobility. FCC website 16-421 ECFS

Jeff Steinberg: Webinar for state and local governments about proceedings

Geoff: Asking how they go through state law for compliance

Suzanne T: Review usually starts with a petition to review state law compliance with Fed law. We can let them know about state legislation in the public comment period.

Jeff Steinberg: Be very specific

Garnet H: Need to have comments filed in order to be taken into consideration

Terry D: Asked about the coverage distance for small cell towers

Garnet H: For webinar will have Engineers go over how the small cell tower actually work and help companies.

Terry: asked about bandwidth expansion

Jeff: Bandwidth not a part of this proceeding.